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Splendide *mendax*—— Hor.

What will not *artful Miniſters* deviſe?
O! how they triumph in their *glorious Lies!*

To the AUTHORS of the CRISIS.

GENTLEMEN,

AS one of your Correſpondents, I beg leave to call upon you, and I hope you will take this ſhort Hint into Conſideration: nay, I flatter myſelf that you have Intereſt enough to invoke the Aſſiſtance of Junius upon it. Unable to check the Progreſs of your *conſtitutional Paper*, either by *Proſecution*, or *Perſecution*, the *Runners* of *Adminiſtration* have been induſtrious lately in ſcattering oblique Hints abroad, that the *Miniſtry themſelves* have ſet *your Paper* on Foot, by Way of laying a *ſure Ground* for ſtopping the *Liberty of the Preſs*. Their

Their Drift is eaſily perceived. They wiſh, by every, and any Means, to ſtop your Channel of *popular Information*. The Light of *Truth* is too ſtrong for them. The weekly Product of *your Preſs* is too alarming.

In the name of *England* I call upon you, Gentlemen, not only to ſtand forth in Print, in Defence of your own Cauſe, and that of your Country, but to chaſtiſe this *abandoned and artful Miniſtry* for their *inſolent Aſperſions*. Should they ever *dare* (but what will they *not dare*) to attack the *Preſs*, no Hand that can hold a Dagger ought to reſt, whilſt there is a Heart among *this helliſh Gang* that can be perforated. They ought to be purſued, and dragged from behind the *Throne*, to *inſtant and immediate Juſtice*. Their mangled Limbs ſhould be ſcattered throughout the Palace of any *Tyrant* who ſhall preſume to interpoſe between the *Temerity of Minions*, and the *juſt Revenge of an inſulted Nation*.

Adminiſtrations in ſuch a Government as *Ours*, act at their *Peril*. They are always, and always ought to be, accountable to the *People*. They are bound not only to *endure*, but to *hear*, *to pay Attention* to, the *Sentiments of the People*, and to *redreſs their Grievances*. Under *a Whiggiſh King*, *Miniſters* of *State* are *Servants of the Public*. Under a *Tory King* (who muſt be an Enemy to *Revolution Principles*) they are inſtruments of *Deſpotiſm* and *Deſtruction*. Under the *Firſt* they will hear *patiently*, proceed *juſtly*, and *redreſs wiſely*. Under the *Latter*, they will act *tyrannically* (like our preſent Miniſtry) and endeavour to ſtifle the Voice of *juſt Complaint*, firſt, by ſtopping *Pens*, and then by ſtopping *Mouths*. They will proceed from the *Preſs* to the *Perſon*; they will take away *Life* as well as *Liberty*; and for every *popular Libel* (that is, for every *popular Truth*) which is *publiſhed*, there will, at length, follow a *miniſterial Aſſaſſination*.

A *wicked Adminiſtration* may well be jealous of the *Preſs*. It is like a national *Alarum-bell*, wiſely placed in the *Palladium* of Britiſh Liberty, to proclaim the approaching *Enemy* by Day, and to deter the undermining *Thief* at Night.

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As for the *reſpectable* (for it is ignorant and ridiculous to ſay *ſacred)* Character of a *King*, it will ever be *revered*, whilſt it continues *amiable* and *good:* When it is *warped* by the *wicked Advice* of *deſigning Men*, it muſt ever be *ſtigmatized* and *deteſted* by a *Free People*.

This is the Condition of that painful Pre-eminence called *Sovereignty* in all Nations, which are not, and will not ſubmit to be, *enſlaved*. Upon this Condition is the *Crown* received among *Us*; upon this Condition, only, can it be held, with *Dignity*, *Peace*, and *Safety*. There is a *Majeſty* of the *Sovereign*, but there is, alſo, a *Majeſty* of the *People*. If the *Sovereign* cannot brook *Offence*, he muſt neither countenance nor offer *Violence*. *Such* Attempts cannot paſs without *due Notice* from the *People*. They muſt be *undertaken* with the greateſt Hazard; they cannot be *enforced* without the *ſevereſt Cenſure*, and, perhaps, *at laſt*, without *exemplary Puniſhment*.

CASCA.

*** One of the greateſt Bleſſings this Nation enjoys, ſuperior to any other, is, undoubtedly, the *Liberty* of the *Preſs*, that noble Freedom of venting our Complaints, and ſpeaking our Mind in Print. In moſt other Countries, no Man dare to open his Mouth on Religion or Politics, but in Conformity to Government, nor dare to publiſh his Sentiments, but at the Hazard of his Safety—— What is this but perfect *Slavery?*—There was a Time when it was ſo with Us, when nothing could appear without an *Imprimatur*—But ſome Men, of more Reſolution than others, dared to open their Mouths againſt arbitrary Proceedings, and tyrannical Encroachments; They ſhewed their deluded Countrymen the great Advantage of Public Spirit, convinced them of their former Vaſſalage, and urged them to ſtand forth in Defence of their Rights and Privileges; they did ſo; and by a noble *Reſiſtance*, a *Reſiſtance* well timed, ſecured Freedom to their Poſterity, and immortal Honour to themſelves.—This Freedom we have long been in Poſſeſſion of;—it is now become the Birth-right of Engliſhmen—and this Freedom the Authors of the CRISIS are determined never to relinquiſh, but with their Lives.—— The Eſtabliſhment of a FREE PRESS, and the under-written Addreſs to the Public, will, the Authors doubt not, be a ſufficient and ſatisfactory Contradiction

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to all the miniſterial LIES that have been fabricated againſt the CRISIS, by a Tribe of penſioned Raſcals, who are employed to write down Truth, and eſtabliſh Falſhood, only with a View to *deceive* and *miſlead* the People, and to draw their Attention from the true Channel of *faithful* Information, and from that *Deſtruction* with which they are now threatened.

A

FREE PRESS.

Freedom of the Preſs,
Trial by Jury,
Magna Charta,
Bill of Rights,
Reſiſtance to Tyranny } DEFENDED.

Informations exofficio,
Proclamations, and all Violations of Law and Right, } RESISTED.

To the PUBLIC.

FLEET STREET, *September* 16, 1775.

THE LIBERTY of the PRESS is ineſtimable, it is ſacred, and ſhall not be deſtroyed by the arbitrary Efforts of a *Pious* King and Tory Miniſtry.—Whilſt moſt of the NEWS PAPERS are Daily filled with the laboured Productions of MERCENARY Writers, employed to gloſs over the infernal Meaſures of the preſent Reign; the CRISIS will be found to contain the moſt ſpirited Eſſays in favour of PUBLIC LIBERTY and the NATURAL RIGHTS of Mankind.—I am determined at every Hazard, to ſupport the FREEDOM of the Preſs, I ſhall never be intimidated by, nor ſubmit to, any STAR CHAMBER Summons from the King's ATTORNEY GENERAL, and by that Means leave myſelf at the Mercy of a *Scotch Chief Juſtice*, and ſacrifice at once, the moſt glorious Privilege of my Countrymen, TRIAL by JURY.—I ſhall never pay any regard to PROCLAMATIONS, fully convinced they are iſſued at this Time, only to anſwer the infernal Purpoſes of

of DESPOTISM, and are a moſt daring and violent INFRINGEMENT on the eſtabliſhed RIGHTS and LIBERTIES of the People of ENGLAND. Whatever Eſſays may be ſent to me (fit for the Public Eye) in defence of the CHARTERED RIGHTS, and CONSTITUTIONAL LIBERTIES of the BRAVE *Americans*, who are nobly ſtruggling in the Cauſe of FREEDOM, againſt the TREACHERY, FRAUD, and FORCE, of impolitic, cruel, bloody, and unfeeling TYRANTS, ſhall be immediately inſerted in the CRISIS.—The Spirit and extenſive Sale of this Paper, exceeds, perhaps, any Periodical Publication of the kind, ſince the laſt GLORIOUS REVOLUTION. It was ſet on Foot at this IMPORTANT ÆRA, to open the Eyes of the *deceived, abuſed, betrayed*, and almoſt *enſlaved* People of *England* and *America*, and to put them upon their Guard againſt the fatal Deſigns of the *Three* Eſtates of this Kingdom, moſt venally united to DESTROY the CONSTITUTION. The Authors, conſcious of the rectitude of their Actions, and convinced of the Utility, the Neceſſity, and Advantage of ſuch a Paper, are determined to perſevere, and hope for the ASSISTANCE of thoſe who are Friends to LIBERTY, and wiſh to tranſmit the bleſſings of FREEDOM to SUCCEEDING AGES; for this Purpoſe they will *enlarge* their Paper as *occaſion* ſhall require, that every Eſſay through the Channel of the CRISIS, may be conveyed to the Public AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.—Letters will be gratefully received,

By the Publicks moſt obliged,
and moſt obedient Servant,
THOMAS WILLIAM SHAW,
Printer and Publiſher of the CRISIS.

N. B. Thirty-four Numbers of this ſpirited Paper, are already Publiſhed, and will be ſent to any Part of England, CARRIAGE FREE, by directing as above.

HINTS for the AUTHOR of the CRISIS.

AS ſoon as the Queen became a Mother, the Carleton Houſe Troops choſe her for their Chief Lady Mansfield's Siſter, Lady Charlotte Finch, was, under the Denomination of Governeſs to the Prince, placed under the King's Roof, to prevent any but the Scotch and Germans getting Acceſs to the Queen. The Lords Mansfield and Bute ſtipulated with her Majeſty to cauſe her Family to be naturalized, and make

make them considerable in England; and she, on her Part, promised to keep the king in their Hands, and abet all their Schemes. The Duke of York opposed the Importation of the Germans with so much Vehemence, that the King refused to enter into the Queen's Measures. It was agreed she should have the Electoral Dominions for her Family. The King had promised the Government of Hanover to the Prince of Brunswick, but broke his Royal Word with him. The King of Prussia seeing the Spring of the King's Conduct, not only threatened to seize Hanover, and obtained a large Sum of Money, but two Years ago he laid Claim to the miserable Principality of Strelitz, which had long been mortgaged to the House of Brandenbourg, and the Queen's Friends discarged the Debt from England. In Germany all the unaccounted Millions center, and the Scotch have a Claim to the Places of Honour and Profit, as the Price agreed upon for the Services they have rendered the Queen. Several Scotch and Germans are employed to deceive the Public by false Representations in the public Papers, where most they feared Detection. The King's Brothers are banished the Court, the only Means by which the King might know the Truth. The Duke of Gloucester will soon resign his Life, which has long been a Burden from the cruel Treatment he has received. The Queen revenges upon him the Opposition she found from the Duke of York. The Queen of Denmark solicited, when living, but in vain, to return to her native Land, whilst the Princess of Brunswick declares she will never see England, till governed by ENGLISHMEN.

The King is rather the Dupe, than the Knave, of the Faction, and would relent in Favour of America, if the Queen would let him; but her Party drives her on, and she wants the King to be absolute, to carry her Point of transplanting her own Family. Prince Ernest is ever at the King's Ear, pleading his own Cause, and Lady Charlotte Finch does her Duty by her Brother's Patron Lord Mansfield.

These Facts may be of Use to your Pen, which, alone, can do Justice to an injured Country, by dragging forth the vile Crew who govern the King and ruin America. Expose them to the World, and you will have the Thanks of all true Patriots.

I am your constant Reader,

DETECTOR.

N. B. No. 36 will be addressed to his *Pious* Majesty *GEORGE THE THIRD*.

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